

REMARKS

By this Amendment, applicants having limited method claims (claims 1, 2 and 52-55), composition claims (claims 33-36, 41-42 and 56), wipe claims (claim 57) and dispenser claims (claims 45-48) such that the antioxidant in each of these groups of claims is specifically chosen from the group consisting of tannic acid and its esters and salts, epigallocatechin gallate and theaflavin digallate. All use claims (as well as other noted claims) have been cancelled, without prejudice.

First, addressing the issue of absence of drawings (paragraph 3 of Office Action at page 2), applicants note that there is no need whatsoever to require a drawing of a wipe or spray container. These kinds of articles are abundantly known in the art and do not require any specific feature to be operable in combination with the claimed compositions of the invention. In this regard, it is thus respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw any objection based on "absence of drawings".

With regard to various rejections under 35 USC §112, it is initially noted that the term "fatty soil" is not indefinite and would be well understood by one skilled in the art. Specifically, "fatty soil" is a soil consisting at least partly of fat, as outlined at page 6 of the specification. It is distinct from soil only consisting of one or more of said debris, inorganic matter, limescale, starchy or proteinaceous materials.

All other rejections under 35 USC §112 are believed to be overcome by the amendment and/or cancellation of claims as set forth in the "Listing of Claims". Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC §112 be withdrawn.

Finally, with regard to the various rejections under 35 USC §102 and/or 35 USC §103, applicants note that the specific antioxidants to which the claims have now been

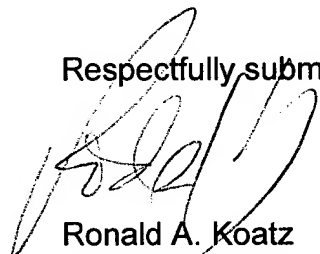
limited are not mentioned in any of the cited references. Some references mention presence of antioxidants in general terms, and even there only for stability purposes, particularly for stabilizing enzymes. There are some specific examples of suitable antioxidants for these purposes mentioned but, again, not the ones specifically claimed by the subject invention. Finally, there is no mention anywhere of any cleansing benefit by an antioxidant, let alone to the beneficial effect of preventing adherence of fatty soil.

In short, there is no mention anywhere of the specific antioxidants of the invention nor any teaching or suggestion that such be used for any purpose, let alone for preventing adherence of fatty soil.

In view of the amendment and remarks above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow the claims as amended.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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